

**REMARKS**

In the Office Action dated December 22, 2004, the Examiner rejected claims 1-11 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,253,239 to Shklar et al. Furthermore, the Examiner objected to the Specification, requesting insertion of the application number of the related application. The applicant is herein adding the application number of the related application, as requested.

Therefore, withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested

Herein, claims 1, 3 and 11 are amended, and claim 2 is cancelled, without admission and without prejudice. The applicant reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of the amended and cancelled claims in one or more continuing applications.

Claims 1-11 were rejected as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,253,239 to Shklar et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed as it might be applied to the claims as pending following entry of this amendment, and reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following.

As discussed further below, generally, Shklar et al. discusses methods for formatting and displaying data, which can include data from what are described as heterogeneous sources. By merely discusses data formatting and display, Shklar et al. does not disclose or suggest, among other things, adapting data, including data from one or more sources that are external to a host operating environment, for use in the host operating environment, in which the adapting and the using do not require nonvolatile storage of the data as native data to the host operating environment, and in which using the adapted data through the host operating environment includes using the adapted data as a first class participant within the host operating environment.

Shklar et al. discusses a system for allowing formatting and display of information from different, and differently formatted, sources. Particularly, in some embodiments, Shklar et al. provides real-time generation of enhanced or customized format presentation of stored data from different sources, and a graphical interface to allow display of the stored data.

Shklar et al. Col. 2, lines 16-29, as cited by the Examiner, is in accordance with the foregoing characterization, reading in part, “[t]he system also allows for customization of the format for displaying the information . . . .”

Claims 1 and 3-11, as pending following entry of this amendment, set forth, among other things, adapting data, including data from one or more sources that are external to a host operating environment, for use in the host operating environment, in which the adapting and the using do not require nonvolatile storage of the data as native data to the host operating environment, and in which using the adapted data through the host operating environment includes using the adapted data as a first class participant within the host operating environment.

As indicated in the Background Section of the applicant’s specification as originally filed, at page 4, lines 18-22, many existing programs do not enable external data to be fully utilized and manipulable by applications within a host operating environment to the same extent as data that is native to the host operating environment, in which case the external data does not function as a “first class participant” in the host operating environment.

Shklar et al., by merely discussing data formatting and display, does not disclose or suggest, among other things, enabling use of data, which includes data from one or more external sources, as a first class participant in a host operating environment.

Shklar et al. does not disclose or suggest, as set forth in claims 1 and 11 as pending following entry of this amendment, adapting data, including data from one or more sources that are external to a host operating environment, for use in the host operating environment, in which using the adapted data through the host operating environment includes using the adapted data as a first class participant within the host operating environment, without requiring non-volatile storage of the data as native data to the host operating environment.

Therefore, claims 1 and 11 as pending following entry of this amendment are patentable over the cited reference.

Claims 3-10 as pending following entry of this amendment, which depend, either directly or indirectly, from claim 1, are also patentable over the cited reference.


For at least the above reasons, claims all of claims 1 and 3-11 as pending following entry of this amendment are patentable over the cited reference. Therefore, the applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection and allow the claims.

For all of the above reasons, the applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejections and objections, and allowance of all the pending claims is respectfully solicited.

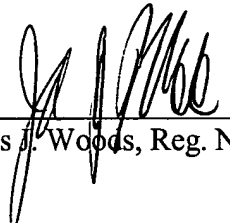
To expedite prosecution of this application to allowance, the examiner is invited to call the applicant's undersigned representative to discuss any issues relating to this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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